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DR. FRANK H. LAHEY

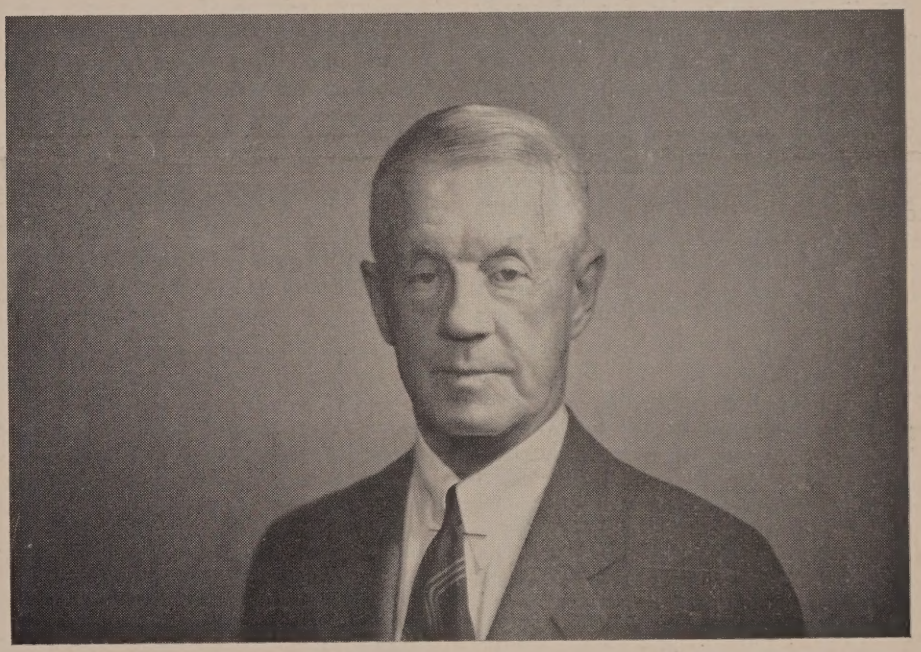
With the sudden death of Dr. Frank H. Lahey at the age of 73 on June twenty-seventh, the New England Deaconess Hospital lost a great friend and surgeon.

Dr. Lahey's association with the Deaconess extends back to 1914. At that time he had an office on Beacon Street; the Lahey Clinic was merely a dream. This hospital, in its fourteenth year, had a new fifty-bed structure. In that first Deaconess wing the young clinical professor of surgery at Tufts began his work with a Benedict portable respirometer for estimating basal metabolism in connection with the study of goiter cases.

One may say that Dr. Lahey and the Deaconess grew up together, for in 1922 people from all New England, the mid-Atlantic states and Canada were coming to the Deaconess as patients of Dr. Lahey.

During the same year he, Dr. Sara Jordan, and the late Dr. Lincoln Sise formed the working base of the Lahey Clinic of today. Dr. Lahey had two major reasons for establishing the clinic: the patient's financial ability should be unknown to him, and the patient should have the advantage of all medical specialists under one roof. By 1924 Dr. Lahey's "dream" ranked as the third largest clinic in the United States and boasted patients from all parts of the country as well as foreign countries.

Dr. Lahey's reputation is far-reaching. His eminent post in the medical and governmental fields, as well as his many patients from all over the world, are proof of his greatness. During World War II he was chairman of the War Manpower Commission's medical procurement and assignment service and was appointed by President Roosevelt to a special commission to report on medical standards. He was one of the surgeons on the Board of Honorary Consultants to the Surgeon General of the Navy. President Truman named him to a committee to coordinate government medical services.



DR. FRANK H. LAHEY Fabian Bachrach

That his immediate colleagues of the Lahey Clinic thought highly of Dr. Lahey was best expressed when at his sixtieth birthday they honored him by presenting him with scientific papers bearing the following dedication:

"All men desire to be immortal but few fulfill that desire in life. Yet fame gives immortality; and to have attained immortality in 60 short years is an enviable achievement.

"We of the medical profession, partakers of that fame which you have gained for us no less than for yourself, offer to you this birthday volume, in which you will find yourself reflected more often than we intend to confess. You have honored medicine, and medicine delights to honor you. This is our birthday gift to you, our friend, advisor, and inspiration.

"Yet we alone could not have made this offering. You have been a friend to man. It is fitting, therefore, that some of those to whom you have been physician, healer, and friend should have made possible the publication of this volume."

Dr. Elliott P. Joslin, Dr. Lahey's contemporary for the past fifty years, says:

"Frank Lahey is an illustration of the man with a single purpose who succeeds. He had one consuming object in life — the creation of the Lahey Clinic — and to this end he subordinated all else, firmly convinced that by its creation he could help medicine the most.

"He had an indomitable will and often I used him as an illustration for my diabetic patients. Anyone who heard his watch ring a bell in the midst of an operation, saw a nurse feed him milk and cream in accordance with the Sippy regime to conquer his duodenal ulcer, realized his control of self. He gave up tobacco and, like Benjamin Franklin fol-

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HUNDREDS PRESENT AT DEDICATION OF CENTRAL BUILDING

Dedication ceremonies for the newly constructed Central Building of the New England Deaconess Hospital were shared with a capacity audience in the new main lobby and surrounding area on Tuesday, June ninth.

The official day commenced early with tours of the new structure for members of the corporation and staff and special guests who later attended the dedication luncheon at Longwood Towers. Speakers at the luncheon were Dr. Philip Bonnet, President of the Massachusetts Medical Association; Dr. Richard B. Cattell, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the medical staff; Dr. Warren F. Cook, Executive Director of the hospital; Samuel B. Kirkwood of the Massachusetts Committee of Public Health; Thomas H. Lanman, President of the Massachusetts Medical Society; Dr. Karl P. Meister, Executive Secretary of the Board of Hospital and Homes of the Methodist Church; and Dr. Daniel Rubenstein of the Massachusetts Department of Health.

The dedication ceremonies began at 2:00 P. M. when Bishop John Wesley Lord, President of the corporation, introduced E. L. Ford, Vice-President of Turner Construction Company and Henry R. Shepley, of the architectural firm Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott.

The principal speaker, Dr. Clark G. Kuebler, President of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, gave a stimulating address entitled "The Best Things in the Worst Times."

After the benediction by Chaplain Rudolph L. Samuelson, guests were taken on guided tours through the Central Building. Nearly a thousand people visited the hospital during the day.

WE'VE NOTICED

. . . the Public Relations Department has moved from its quarters in the Central Building to the first floor of Palmer.

MR. LOWRY APPOINTED BY RED FEATHER

Mr. Robert D. Lowry, Assistant Director of the Deaconess, and Richardson L. Rice, Executive Director, New England Home for Little Wanderers, have been appointed Group Chairmen of the 1954 Red Feather Campaign.

They will work with Miss Abbie Dunks, Director of the Boston Dispensary, who has been named Chairman of the Health and Social Service Section in the Service Division.

This nineteenth annual drive, beginning October 25, will benefit 300 agency members of United Community Services.

NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM

Effective October 1, employees of the Deaconess will be paid weekly. The yearly salary of each individual will remain unchanged.

IT'S ALMOST OVER

Summer has practically left us — that is, if we have already had our vacations.

The olive complexioned are turning yellow, the fair are as fair as usual — and one's daily routine is not disturbed by the exciting thought of a vacation yet to come.

Our conversations instead remind us of past good times; sailing on the ocean, sunning on the shore, bathing, fishing, climbing mountains, or visiting beyond familiar boundaries.

"Thank goodness it's over . . . it's so relaxing to be back at work" — "I got an awful burn" — "I never saw so many bugs!" Yes, it's all over now.

Nevertheless, we can't help thinking of you lucky people who are yet to go on vacation. Enjoy yourselves.

And upon your return Fall will be official.

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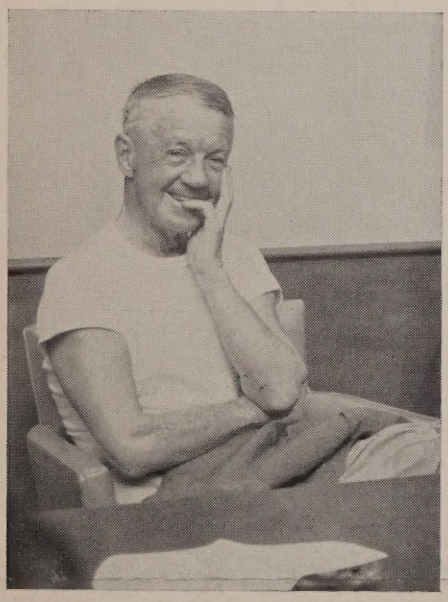
Henry R. Shepley of Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott presents keys of Central Building to Bishop John Wesley Lord. Dr. Warren F. Cook, Executive Director, is at left and E. L. Ford, Vice-President of Turner Construction Company, is at extreme right.

DR. LAHEY speaking at Ground-Breaking Ceremonies of new Central Building, October 20, 1950.



Courtesy of Boston Herald

AT PRESS CONFERENCE — Dr. Lahey immediately after operation on Siamese twin on May 23.

DR. WARREN RETURNS FROM EUROPE

Dr. Shields Warren, Scientific Director of the Cancer Research Institute, attended the 7th International Congress of Radiology in Copenhagen, Denmark, during July.

Upon his return Dr. Warren stopped at London and Edinburgh. Dr. Robertson Ogilvie, Senior Lecturer of Pathology at the University of Edinburgh, invited Dr. Warren to speak to students and faculty. Dr. Ogilvie visited CRI last fall.

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lowed rules of life by which he believed he could get the most out of himself.

"Frank Lahey wasted no time in coming to the point; he always spoke and wrote clearly; always decisive, he knew what he wanted. He had such confidence in his own ability that he did not wish to be shackled by the decisions of members of governing boards of any kind, feeling that his opinion was better than their average.

"In my contact with Dr. Lahey, although at times we may have differed on medical policies, not once in more than thirty years did we ever have a medical disagreement. He was open to conviction, and I have never forgotten his consent at six o'clock one evening, at the conclusion of a day's long schedule, to operate on a possible cancer diabetic patient, although he was to leave Boston that same night. His conscientousness was rewarded, because the patient lived over five years.

"Over and over again Dr. Lahey told me how fortunate he felt he was in having Mrs. Lahey for his wife.

"Each day I miss his stimulating presence."

DEACONESS IN MOVIE

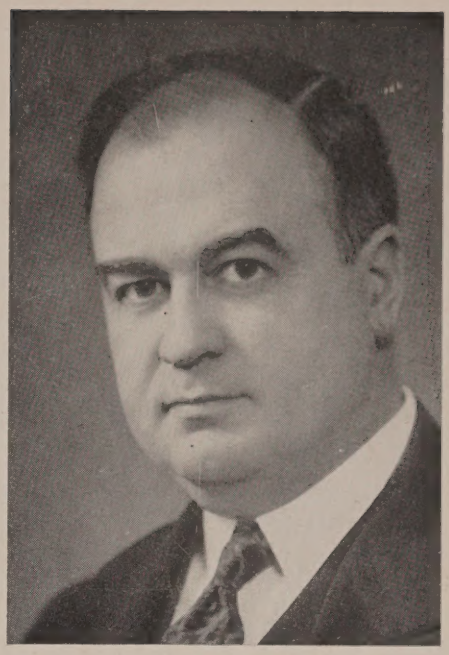
An operating room turned into a movie picture studio and doctors and hospital personnel turned movie actors during the week of August tenth when the de Rochemont people shot several scenes at the New England Deaconess Hospital for their forthcoming New England Blue Cross-Blue Shield film.

This twelve to fifteen minute undertaking, under the auspices of Louis de Rochemont of *March of Time* fame, follows a patient into and out of a hospital. The operating room scenes were taken here.

A preview of the film will be shown at the Deaconess. The release date has not been disclosed.

SUGGESTION BOX

A new suggestion box has been placed in the cafeteria. Employees are encouraged to submit their ideas and suggestions.



HOWARD W. SELBY

HOWARD SELBY DIES

Howard W. Selby, a trustee of the New England Deaconess Hospital for eighteen years, died suddenly on June twenty-fourth shortly after attending a meeting here.

Mr. Selby, General Manager of United Farmers of New England, Inc. for twenty years, was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Boston University. Active in Methodist church affairs, he had been a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church four times.

He was also a director of the New England Council; former president of the Executives' Club of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; president of the Methodist Association of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, and trustee of the Newton Savings Bank.

IT MAY BE OF INTEREST

. . . to know that the population of the United States is now the fourth highest in the world.

The 160,000,000 of the U. S. compares with an estimated 450,000,000 for China, 365,000,000 for India and 200,000,000 for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Census Bureau also reports 1 birth every 8 seconds, 1 death every 21 seconds, 1 immigrant every 2 minutes, and 1 emigrant every 17 minutes. The net gain in the population is 1 every 12 seconds.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Beverly Ann Emery, '53 Sr., to Robert W. Chapman. Mr. Chapman is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Miss Florine A. M. Erard, medical technician, to George C. Teahan of Holyoke. They plan to be married September 26.

Miss June Hixon, '54 Jr. to Donald Lloyd, Machinists Mate 3rd class in the U. S. Navy. Mr. Lloyd is presently stationed at Norfolk, Virginia.

Miss Marilyn Hultberg, '54 Jr., to Kenneth E. Williams. Mr. Williams is attending Boston University.

Miss Joan M. Price, '55 Sr., to Frank P. Erskine. Mr. Erskine is attending a trade school in Hartford, Conn., and will take up mechanics.

WEDDINGS

Miss Helen V. Bradbury, '53 Jr., to Tech. Sgt. Kenneth W. Belcher, USMC, on July 26 in Brockton. Sgt. Belcher is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Miss Shirley Broadbent, '53 Sr., to Roland H. Lueder of Wauconda, Ill., on June 20. They are now residing in Wollaston. Mr. Lueder is serving with the U. S. Marine Corps stationed at Charlestown.

Miss Sylvia E. Fletcher, '51 Jr., to Milton M. Goss, Jr., on June 21 in Portland, Me. Mr. Goss is employed in the cost and control department of the Bates Manufacturing Company.

Miss Eleanor Hopkins, '49 Jr., to Donald O. Pollack on June 7 in Beverly. Mr. Pollack is attending Harvard Medical School.

Miss Pearl R. Mowry, '53 Sr., to Malcolm E. Morrell, RCAF, in Malden on August 2. After a wedding trip to New Hampshire, they will live in Montreal, Canada.

Miss Joan E. Pickering, '53 Sr., to George E. Harlamert of Louisville, Kentucky, on June 13 in Connecticut. Mr. Harlamert is a customer engineer with International Business Machines.

Miss Joan Silva, '53 Sr., to Sgt. Richard G. Kenney, USAF, in Winthrop on June 6. Sgt Kenney is stationed at Westover Field.

Miss Deborah Thomas, '53 Jr., to Dr. Michael G. Pierik on June 28 in Boston. Dr. Pierik, a graduate of Tufts Medical School, will begin his second year residence at the New England Center Hospital.

Miss Nancy Whittal, '54 Sr., to Richard I. Blanchard on July 19 in Francestown, N. H. Mr. Blanchard is serving with the U. S. Army stationed at Mattapan.

PREVIEW

Forty prospective students from various parts of New England were given a realistic introduction to a student nurse's life at the Deaconess when they attended the "Preview of Nursing" during the week of July 19.

Those greeted by Miss Mildred B. Newton, Director of Nursing, are:

Margaret L. Allbright, Portland, Me.; Gwendolyn B. Bissell, W. Groton; Jean M. Callahan, Providence, R. I.; Gail C. Chamberlin, Westwood; Bette Lou Cook, Cranston, R. I.; Nancy E. Cook, Belmont; Jean F. Coombs, Colrain; Barbara M. Crouse, Reading; Phyllis M. Gale, Pittsfield; Janice L. Grannell, Rumford; Gretchen Hapgood, Lynn; Gloria A. Higuera, Quincy; Barbara Howell, Belmont; Barbara Hoyle, Oak Bluffs; Nancy M. Jackson, Taunton; Ruth E. Jordan, Peabody; Mary E. Keenan, W. Newton; Bette J. Lees, Alton, R.I.; Barbara M. Long, North Reading; Audrey L. Lovell, Brockton; Janice E. Marland, New Bedford; Ruth A. Morgan, Andover; Lynn T. Parsons, Manchester, N. H.; Nancy Ann Peabody, Middletown, R. I.; Marilyn R. Pearson, Pawtucket, R. I.; Carol I. Pope, Brattleboro, Vermont; Marilyn S. Nickerson, W. Bridgewater; Nancy A. Racine, Fitchburg; Mary A. Reardon, Auburn, Maine; Audrey E. Scarpetti, Pawtucket, R. I.; Joyce D. Shaw, Manchester, N. H.; Margaret E. Snow, Agawam; Joanne Spooner, Middletown, R. I.; Patricia A. Stammers, Attleboro; Joanne G. Staples, W. Bridgewater; Janice H. Stevenson, Whitinsville; Helen M. Thomas, Meriden, Conn.; Shirley A. Wilcox, Brookline; Marjorie J. Wilkins, Winchester; and Helen A. Wolchok, Sanford, Me.

STUDENT NURSES CAPPED

Thirty-seven students of the School of Nursing were presented with caps by Miss Mildred B. Newton, Director of Nursing, at the traditional candle-light ceremony in Joslin Auditorium, July 17. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Lester Vanderwerff of Northeastern University.

Those capped include: Helen L. Adams, Barbara J. Anderson, D. Fay Anderson, Elizabeth A. Athington, Joyce M. Boynton, Diane Cushing, Martha J. Davenport, Joan E. Davis, Nancy J. Duffett, Lois A. Eckstrom, Gail A. Ferguson, Shirley A. Ferris, Mary Fielding, Sandra Gilbert, Marianne E. Gould, Beverley Gray, Grace J. Harmon, Ellen E. Hill, Beverly A. Johnson, Ann E. Joyce, Sharma E. Kinney, Valerie Koskela, Joan A. Lippo, Elizabeth D. McNally, Joyce A. Maunder, Eunice B. Mitchell, Mary E. Peckham, Delores C. Peterson, Elaine Robinson, Juanita H. Settele, Alice M. Stacy, Laura E. Stephanio, Lucille E. Thrasher, Constance A. Tower, Sylvia E. White, Mary L. Wood, and Irena Ziff.

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AMONG STUDENT NURSES CAPPED July 17 were, left to right: Barbara Anderson, Martha Davenport, Elizabeth Athington and Joan Davis.